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The complete history of the Old Republic would fill a thousand libraries. But some events, some sacrifices, have become legend, passed from generation to generation — the epic of the Great Hyperspace War, how the bold explorations of young Gav and Jori Daragon brought two galactic empires crashing together, how Odan-Urr became a powerful Jedi and eventually a Master, and how the seven worlds of the Koros system were finally united by the wise and skilled Empress Teta.

Five millennia before the birth of Luke Skywalker and the fall of Palpatine's Empire . . .

A thousand years before Exar Kun and Ulic Qel-Droma joined forces in a sweeping conflagration known as the Sith War . . .

The story begins.



HISTORY HAS FORGOTTEN THE NAME OF THE PLANET, BUT NOT THE NAME OF THE YOUNG JEDI-- OPAN-HRR.

HE HAS COMPLETED HIS JEDI TRAINING, BUT HE CONTINUES TO BE FASCINATED BY LORE AND HISTORY...

... ESPECIALLY THE HISTORY OF THE SITH...



MASTER OOROO! AS ALWAYS, I HAVE LEARNED MANY NEW THINGS FROM STUDYING THE OLD RECORDS.

LET ME TELL YOU SOME OF THE TALES.

OPAN-HRR, YOU WOULD BE CONTENT TO SPEND YOUR ENTIRE LIFE IN THE COMPANY OF SCROLLS AND DOCUMENTS...

BUT A JEDI KNIGHT HAS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, OTHER DUTIES.



THE ANCIENT STRUGGLE OF LIGHT SIDE AND DARK SIDE, THE FIRST GREAT SCHISM OF THE JEDI KNIGHTS...

THERE THE VANQUISHED DARK JEDI FOUND A PRIMITIVE CIVILIZATION, A NEW PEOPLE TO DOMINATE-- THE SITH!

THE DARK JEDI WERE TREATED AS GODS...





THE DARK JEDI, FINALLY DEFEATED AFTER A CENTURY OF BLOODSHED, TOOK THEIR BATTERED SHIPS INTO EXILE...

...CROSSING THE GALAXY INTO THE UNKNOWN...



...WITH UNLIMITED RESOURCES AND WILLING SLAVES, THE JEDI EXILES FORGED THE SITH CIVILIZATION INTO A NEW EMPIRE, BRINGING ABOUT A GOLDEN AGE... OF EVIL!



IN MY JEDI PRAXEUM, YOU HAVE LEARNED THE NECESSITY OF ACTION AS WELL AS WORDS.


THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO ACT-- AS A JEDI. YOU MUST QUENCH THE FIRES OF WAR.

IN THE KOROS SYSTEM, THE EMPRESS TETA HAS UNITED SIX OF HER SEVEN WORLDS. BUT THE STRUGGLE GOES BADLY ON THE LAST BATTLE FRONT.

I BELIEVE YOU, OPAN-WRR, CAN SAVE LIVES AND BRING PEACE, BY YOUR VERY PRESENCE...



I WILL GO, IF I MUST... BUT I MUCH PREFER TO READ HISTORY, RATHER THAN MAKE IT.



INNAGAR, IN THE
KOROS SYSTEM.

AARRBA THE HMTT'S
SERVICE DOCK.

SPACESHIPS FIXED
CHEAPLY, QUICKLY,
AND QUIETLY...

...ALL REPAIRS
GUARANTEED... BUT
ONLY FOR A LIMITED
TIME.


HOK AND TIMAR DARAGON,
HIGH-RISK SUPPLY RUNNERS,
PREPARE TO DEPART ON A
MISSION OF MERCY...
AND PROFIT!

THANK FOR GETTING
THE **SHADOW RUNNER**
REPAIRED SO QUICKLY,
AARRBA!

TIMING IS CRITICAL
TO BRING RELIEF SUPPLIES
TO THOSE BESIEGED
SOLDIERS ON KIRREK.

BY TAKING YOUR
PAYMENT AS A
PERCENTAGE OF OUR PRO-
FITS, YOU'VE GIVEN US
THE CHANCE WE NEED.

MOOO! KEEP YOUR
VOICE DOWN—CAN'T LET
ANY OF THESE SCUM HEAR
THAT A HMTT EXTENDED
CREDIT!



HEY, MOM AND DAD!
JORI AND I CAN HELP YOU OUT--
WE'LL FOLLOW IN
STARBREAKER 12.

COME ON, GAY-- THEY'LL
NEVER LET US GO ALONG. TOO
DANGEROUS, TOO DANGEROUS...

I'M GETTING TIRED OF
HEARING THE SAME OLD
EXCUSES.

THOSE GHERRILLAS
HAVE HELD THE CITADEL UNDER
SIEGE FOR A MONTH NOW.
EVEN EMPRESS TETA'S
CRACK TROOPS CAN'T BREAK
THE BLOCKADE.

HAW! I'M KEEPING
THE STARBREAKER 12
HERE AS COLLATERAL
UNTIL YOU COME BACK.

BACK IN A FEW
DAYS, JUST TRAVELING
IN-SYSTEM TO
KIRREK.

NOT AS NICE
AS THE SHADOW
RHINER, BUT
IT'LL DO...

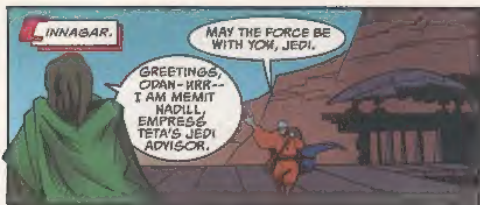
TOO DANGEROUS,
KIDS. WE'VE GOT TO
RUN IN FAST AND LOW,
THEN GET OUT BEFORE
WE GET OUR BELLIES
SCORCHED!

WE'RE LOADED
TO THE WALL
PLATES WITH
SUPPLIES.
WE'LL DROP
THEM OFF AND
HEAD BACK.

BYE!

THEY GET ALL THE
FUN. I'M AS GOOD A PILOT
AS THEY ARE!

NO YOU'RE
NOT, GAY-- BUT
I AM!



INNAGAR.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU, JEDI.

GREETINGS, ODAN-HRR-- I AM MEMIT NADILL, EMPRESS TETA'S JEDI ADVISOR.

THE EMPRESS TETA HAS CONVERTED HER CEREMONIAL THRONE ROOM TO A MILITARY COMMAND CENTER.



I AM MORE OF A SCHOLAR THAN A WARRIOR, MEMIT NADILL. THIS ASSIGNMENT IS QUITE A BURDEN FOR ME.

OUR WARRIORS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL SO FAR-- PERHAPS A SCHOLAR WILL HOLD THE KEY WE NEED.

BUT THE PIRATES OF KIRREK HAVE SO FAR REBUFFED ALL ATTEMPTS AND HAVE TAKEN THEIR VENGEANCE ON ALL SHIPS THAT COME WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE.

SIX OF THE SEVEN WORLDS IN THE KOROS SYSTEM HAVE BEEN UNITED IN MUTUAL COMMERCE AND AID.

THE REBELS ON KIRREK STILL HOLD OUR ADVANCE CONTINGENT UNDER GIEGE.

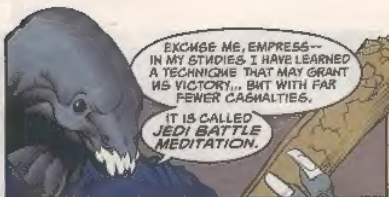
AFTER OUR LAST RESCUE RAID, THEY HAVE SLAUGHTERED FIFTY OF THE HOSTAGES.

EMPRESS TETA! OUR NEW JEDI IS HERE-- ODAN-HRR.



THE TRADE ALLIANCE
BENEFITS ALL WORLDS
IN THIS SYSTEM-- BUT
THESE REBELS PREFER
TO LIVE IN SQUALOR,
WITHOUT LAWS!

I SEE NO
ALTERNATIVE BUT
ANOTHER FULL-
FLEDGED MILITARY
ASSAULT. WE WILL
WIN-- BUT I FEAR
IT WILL BE A
BLOODBATH!



EXCUSE ME, EMPRESS--
IN MY STUDIES I HAVE LEARNED
A TECHNIQUE THAT MAY GRANT
US VICTORY... BUT WITH FAR
FEWER CASUALTIES.

IT IS CALLED
**JEDI BATTLE
MEDITATION.**



GOOD-- YOU'LL SHOW
ME ON THE WAY.
OUR FORCES DEPART
IMMEDIATELY!



CHECK!

POWER
UP!

SQUAD LEADERS,
REPORT!


YO, ZETA GROUP
-- CHECK YOUR BLASTER
PHASING.

I... EXPECTED
TO HAVE MORE
TIME TO CONSIDER
THE
SITUATION.

A JEDI MUST ACT WHEN HE IS
CALLED UPON. NOW, TEACH ME
THIS BATTLE MEDITATION.



PREPARE
YOUR
LIGHTSABER
FOR BATTLE
-- A JEDI
MUST ALWAYS
BE READY.



I HAVE NEVER SEEN
IN BATTLE BEFORE...
BUT AS MY MASTER ODOO
SAYS, NEW THINGS
MUST NOT FRIGHTEN
A JEDI!

*THE CONCEPT OF JEDI
BATTLE MEDITATION IS
SIMPLE, MEMIT NADILL.

*EVERY FIGHTER BRINGS HIS
OWN FEARS, HIS OWN HOPES
WITH HIM INTO COMBAT...

*WITH SUFFICIENT CONCENTRA-
TION, A JEDI-- SUCH AS YOU OR
I-- CAN STRENGTHEN THE HOPES
OF OUR ALLIES AND HEIGHTEN
THE FEARS OF OUR ENEMIES...

"THIS, WHAT THE ARMIES
KNOW IN THEIR HEARTS
MUST BECOME TRUE...
BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT
SO STRONGLY."

BEHIND HASTILY ERRECTED
SIEGE WALLS, THE KIRREK
PIRATES KEEP EMPRESS
TETA'S SOLDIERS TRAPPED
IN A CITADEL DESTINED TO
BECOME A TOMB.

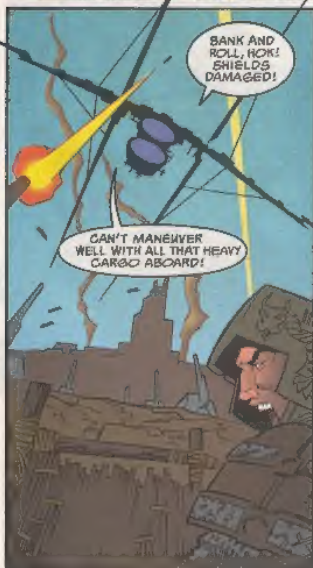
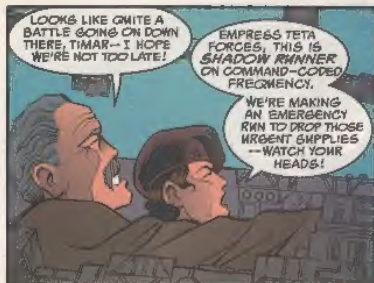
BUT EVEN THEY CAN FEEL
THE POWER OF ODOO-URR'S
BATTLE MEDITATION!

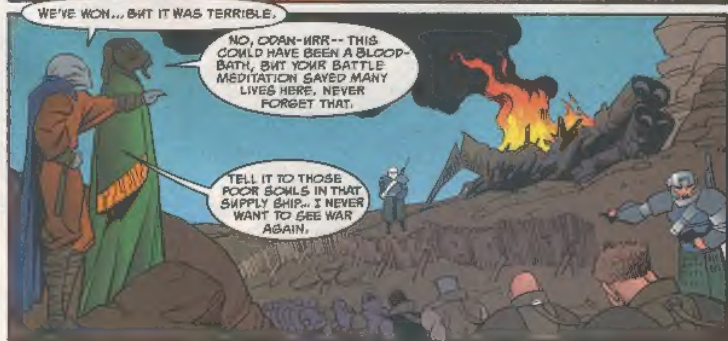
HERE THEY
COME AGAIN!

LOOKS LIKE
A BIG FLEET THIS
TIME-- WE DON'T
HAVE A
CHANCE!

I'VE GOT A
BAD FEELING ABOUT
THIS!







INNAGAR,

GAY, JORI--
I JUST RECEIVED
WORD...

MOM AND DAD ARE COMING
HOME ALREADY!

GOOD, ALMOST GOT
THE OLD **STARBREAKER**
FIXED.

HEY, DROID--
HAND ME THAT
HYDROSPANNER.

BUT AARRBA'S NEWS IS NOT WHAT
GAY AND JORI DARASON EXPECT...

JORI, YOW
AND I CAN TAKE
THE **STARBREAKER**
12 AND MAKE OUR
PARENTS
PROUD.

"I KNOW YOUR OTHER SHIP
WAS HELD IN COLLATERAL--
BUT I GIVE IT BACK TO YOU.

"YOUR PARENTS HAVE
PAID FOR IT IN BLOOD."

YES, GAY--
NOTHING CAN STOP
US NOW. WE'VE GOT
THE WHOLE GALAXY
TO EXPLORE!

EXT! LOOK FOR
**GOLDEN AGE
OF THE SITH** #1
IN OCTOBER!